

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

April 22, 1998
MAG Office Building, Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman

Ty Hofflander, Chandler

* Gary Thomas, Gilbert

* Jim Book, Glendale

*Tom Buick, Maricopa County

Alan Sanderson, Mesa

Mike Frisbie for Jim Matteson, Phoenix

Scott Miller, RPTA

*Mike Branham, Surprise

Ed VanDerGinst, Tempe

Dan Powell for Tim Wolfe, ADOT

Alan Hansen, FHWA

*Cydney DeModica, AAA

Jonathan Upchurch, ASU

*Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Johnson, MAG

Anne MacCracken, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 p.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan

2. Approval of the March 18, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 18, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. AZTech Update

Dan Powell reported that in the next two months they expect to install the equipment in each city and by mid August to be fully deployed. He said he was very impressed with the kiosk vendor. On May 13, 1998, a workshop updating the kiosk for all interested people within each jurisdiction. A final location has not been determined. Mr. Powell commented that they are advertising for private partners for the "ITS America" and the closing date will be July 10, 1998.

4. Report on the MAG Unprogrammed Federal Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

Terry Johnson reported that MAG may have up to seven million dollars in unprogrammed funds. Ed VanDerGinst asked about the acceleration of projects. Mr. Johnson stated that the first priority for uncommitted funds is to accelerate projects already in the TIP and the next priority is to increase the level of federal funding up to the 94.6 percent. He said that a jurisdiction need to notify MAG of their request for acceleration or increased funding within the next two weeks so that the Transportation Review Committee and the Regional Council has time to take action. Mr. Johnson stated that the City of Phoenix has requested additional funds for their Bell Road project.

5. Status of Potential Changes to the Congestion Management System (CMS)

Alan Sanderson distributed a table summarizing changes recommended by the Sub-Committee that met April 1, 1998. Mr. Johnson commented that ITS projects are difficult to score because they are not place specific. Ty Hofflander asked if the first category "Project consistent with regional standards and goals" in the table is a screening devise. Mr. Sanderson answered that this is not to screen but to address the preference of projects integrated with other systems and not stand alone. He continued to say that the third column indicates areas where judgement needs to be applied after the scoring process. Mr. Hofflander said the Committee is concerned how points in the rating system are assigned. Mr. Sanderson said that modifications can be made to the existing scoring system but that it is not a good idea to redo the entire system. Mr. Johnson said that it is difficult to rank one mode against another and that it becomes the Transportation Review Committee's (TRC) task to decide between the different modes. Mr. Hofflander said that it would be great to group all modes together and examine the ones that best address congestion. Mr. Johnson stated that the TRC wants more of a policy frame work instead of a technical process. There was a general discussion of how to increase the opportunities for ITS projects to receive bonus points. Dan Powell stated that there should be a balance within each mode category so that bike projects are not competing with street projects. Mr. Powell asked about surveying other systems. Alan Hansen offered to research how the FHWA scores their projects.

5. ITS Issues Addressed in the Reauthorization of ISTEA

Alan Hansen distributed a summary of key points of the various versions for Reauthorization.

6. Status Report by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Mike Frisbie said that Phoenix has installed 200 loops in a two month period. In addition the baseball traffic management system has received positive feedback. Ed VanDerGinst said that Tempe has plans to accelerate the special event traffic control system from 2001.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.